
Greenbrier Independent.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30TH, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

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READ Duffy, Dwyer & Co.'s new advertisement in another column.

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BRICK-LAYERS WANTED.—Apply to Thos. Luke, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., Covington, Va.

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Space does not permit me to enter upon an extended account of his military career. It is enough to say that he was ever faithful and true, and his superior officers relied upon him with a confidence that was blindfold. He was the best captain in the brigade, and it had many splendid men of that rank.

During Early's campaign in the Valley of Virginia in 1864, he, much of the time, commanded the regiment as senior captain. And he handled it with a skill that ought to have been rewarded by promotion.

One time the brigade was tolling Averell with a superior force from Bunker Hill to Winchester for our infantry to attend to and rebuke his impertinence. It met Ramsuer's division a few miles north of Winchester and pulled out to the right and left to give it place. The infantry went at the enemy end-foremost, instead of deployed in line, and a part of it was thrown into confusion, and were being ruthlessly ridden down by

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"Great heavens! that will never do! Follow me, 19th Virginia!" shouted Captain McNeel. The 19th followed him, (it would have gone with him anywhere,) the enemy's cavalry were driven back, and each trooper returned with a rescued Confederate on his crupper.—Ramsuer's division ever after that met the brigade with gifts instead of jibes, such as "buttermilk rangers!"

The opposing armies were in line near Berryville, Virginia, the latter part of August or the first part of September, 1864, and the skirmishers daily entertained each other. The 19th Virginia cavalry under command of Captain McNeel, held an important road that ran perpendicular to the lines, and was a mile or more to the left of the balance of the brigade. As I approached the regiment one evening, bearing a message from General Wm. L. Jackson to the Captain, a thundering noise was

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"From the way they are pressing us, I think they are pretty strong, General," replied the Captain.

"By —," drawled Old Jube, "maybe they think there ain't much in front of them." Captain McNeel enjoyed telling this.

But enough, lest I impose on your generosity, Mr. Editor, and overstep all bounds and with the garrulity of an old soldier consume space in recounting the Captain's exploits on the scout, on the march and in the skirmish and the battle during the two eventful years from the spring of 1863 to the surrender in 1865.

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